



WEEKLY REPORT

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Division. During the Legislative Session, we provide a summary of legislation that pertains to the Department. If there are issues you would like to address, please let us know. Send an email to: aguiles@azgfd.gov

Legislative News:

State

- The Arizona State Legislature passed a bill that will restore various cuts to agencies that as a result of the FY-09 agency/program adjustments either impacted federal funds or were illegal or unconstitutional. None of these restorative provisions will impact the Department. Most of the backfill provisions are to programs within DEQ, AHCCCS, Ag. and DHS. The Legislature spent the majority of the day deliberating these provisions in Committee and on the floor. The Governor is expected to sign this bill.
- **HB2157** the aquatic invasive species bill, was held in House Appropriations this past week, where it had been assigned, erroneously. It passed House NRRA Committee 7-0, with an amendment submitted by a group of stakeholders. This bill has extremely strong support from a multiplicity of industries, including utility companies, CAP, irrigation districts, municipal water districts and bi-partisan support.

Congressional





- After years of flat or declining funding, **Federal natural resource agencies** expect to see a significant boost in the 2010 budget along with a leftward shift in policies and priorities. Beyond the increased funds for many Interior Department agencies, the budget proposal as President Obama has outlined thus far focuses on acquiring more public land, addressing climate change issues and raising fees on the oil and gas industry.
- The public lands omnibus, **S.22** failed (282-144) a necessary 2/3rds House vote under suspension of the rules. Suspension of the rules was a very contentious matter to some of the members as they had noted that many of the bills included in the 1200 page omnibus had never received hearings in the House.

POSTED CALENDARS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS

House Rules

Monday 03/16/09 at 1:00 PM, House Rm. 4

[H2007](#): RETIREMENT; CORP; RETURN TO WORK
[H2011](#): COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS; PROVISIONAL; BONDING
[H2013](#): COMMUNITY COLLEGES; NONRESIDENTS; REIMBURSEMENT
[H2019](#): TECH CORRECTION; STATE PERSONNEL
[H2031](#): SCHOOLS; CONTRACTORS; FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARDS
[H2034](#): TECH CORRECTION; AMBULANCES
[H2039](#): TECH CORRECTION; PUBLIC HEALTH
[H2105](#): REVISER'S TECH CORRECTIONS; 2009
[H2120](#): SCHOOL DISTRICTS; BONDS; PURPOSES
[H2158](#): ADULT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
[H2159](#): BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS; CONTINUATION
[H2160](#): CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE
[H2237](#): AHCCCS; VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY
[H2251](#): SCHOOL DISTRICT OVEREXPENDITURES; CORRECTION
[H2352](#): AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMITS; NATURAL GAS
[H2357](#): PUBLIC EDUCATION; STUDENTS' RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES
[H2424](#): ILLEGAL DUMPING; PENALTIES
[H2425](#): STATE TREASURER; MANAGEMENT FEES
[H2439](#): CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT; SAFETY COURSE
[H2450](#): HONORARY DIPLOMAS; WAR VETERANS
[H2463](#): SCHOOL DISTRICTS; ACCOUNTING RESPONSIBILITY; THRESHOLD
[H2495](#): IN-STATE TUITION; VETERANS
[H2503](#): CONTRACTORS' RECOVERY FUND; PERSON INJURED
[H2525](#): TAPBI PROGRAMS; SCHOOLS
[H2530](#): RECKLESS DRIVING; PRIOR CONVICTIONS
[H2533](#): UNLAWFUL ROADSIDE SOLICITATION OF EMPLOYMENT
[H2558](#): INSURANCE; CANCER TREATMENT; MEDICAL REFERENCES
[HCR2034](#): REPEAL BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

	Chairman	Nichols
	Vice Chairman	Yarbrough
	GOP	Adams,McComish,Tobin
	Dem	Brown,Garcia,Miranda

Quick Reference AGFD-Related Legislation (For Period Ending Friday, March 13, 2009)

Support

H2064: WILDLIFE; GUIDES; WASTED MEAT	The definition of "guide" in game and fish statutes is changed. Also, the list of actions which may result in the Game and Fish Commission revoking or suspending a license is expanded to include taking wildlife and permitting an edible portion to go to waste.	First sponsor: Rep. Konopnicki	3/3from House nat res-rural do pass.
H2157: WILDLIFE; AQUATIC INVASIVE	The director of the Game and Fish Department is authorized to establish an aquatic invasive species program to establish a list of aquatic invasive species and to take steps to eradicate or abate their spread.	First sponsor: Rep. McLain	3/11House appro held.

SPECIES			
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Oppose

H2235: GAME & FISH COMMISSIONERS; APPOINTMENT	Game and Fish Commission members must have a continuous recorded registration with the same political party or as an independent for at least 5 years immediately preceding the appointment, must have held a valid hunting or combination hunting and fishing license for at least those 5 years, and must have been an Arizona resident for at least 10 years. Applications for appointment to the Commission are public records.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	3/11House mil-pub held.
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Monitor

H2014: MUNICIPALITIES; EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY	The authority for a municipality to exchange a parcel of real estate for another that is of substantially equal value is no longer limited to parcels located within the incorporated limits of the city or town.	First sponsor: Rep. Konopnicki	2/24 from House rules okay.
H2027: WEAPONS; PEACE OFFICERS; POSSE; RESERVES	A person who has received firearms training approved by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board and who volunteers for a sheriff's posse or reserve duty is exempt from the requirement to have concealed carry permit while on duty. Likewise, a permit to carry a weapon is not required of a retired law enforcement officer who possesses an ID that states the person is honorably retired from a law enforcement agency. Also, the criminal classification for using a weapon to commit or further an act of terrorism is increased to a class 2 felony (from class 3).	First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh	2/4 from House mil-pub do pass.
H2050: TECH CORRECTION; TRAPPING LICENSE	Minor change to Title 17 (game and fish) pertaining to the taking of wildlife. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Rep. Seel	1/13 referred to House rules only.
H2088: GROWING SMARTER FUND; SWEEP; EXTENSION	Minor change in title 27 (minerals, gas & oil) pertaining to mineral products on state trust land. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Rep. Nichols	2/26 House COW approved with amend #4031 . NOTE SHORT TITLE CHANGE.
H2125: NONPROFIT CLUBS; PERMISSIBLE RAFFLES	Nonprofit booster clubs, civic clubs, or political clubs or committees may conduct raffles as long as proceeds do not exceed \$10,000, club members manage the raffle and do not receive monetary benefits other than those received by all participants, and the club's earnings are not used for the personal benefits of any club member.	First sponsor: Rep. Lesko	2/12 from House jud do pass.
H2126: TAX REFUND CHECKOFF BOXES	The requirement for checkoff boxes for voluntary contributions to certain state funds to be on the first page of the individual income tax return form is eliminated. Applies to tax years beginning January 1, 2010. Due to voter protection, this bill requires a 3/4 vote of each house of the legislature for passage.	First sponsor: Rep. Lesko	2/17 From House rules okay.
H2128: TECH CORRECTION; OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES	Minor change in Title 28 (transportation), relating to off-highway vehicle equipment. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	3/4 House mil-pub held.
H2135: STATE CONTRACTS; PARTICIPATION GOAL; VETERANS	Effective January 1, 2010, the Department of Administration must establish a goal of awarding 3% or more of specified state procurement contracts to veteran owned businesses (defined). The Department must establish by rule procedures for meeting the goal, including compiling a registry of veteran owned businesses.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	2/18 from House mil-pub do pass.
H2150: ANIMALS; FIGHTING	The crime of dog fighting is renamed animal fighting and is expanded to include any fight in which animals are intended to injure each other. Animal fighting, like dog fighting, is a class 5 (second lowest) felony. Similarly, the class 6 felony of stealing a dog for the purpose of dog	First sponsor: Rep. Sinema	2/19 from House jud with amend #4072 .

	fighting is expanded to stealing an animal for fighting. Exemption is provided for animals trained to protect livestock from predators		
H2174: FIREARMS; GAME REFUGES	Concealed weapons permit holders may carry firearms or game-taking devices on a game refuge.	First sponsor: Rep. Antenori	2/2 House nat res-rural held.
H2177: SPECIAL DISTRICTS; NATIONAL PARK SUPPORT	Creates national park support districts as special taxing districts that can be formed in communities that are located entirely within 10 miles of the outer boundaries of a national park or national monument and at least 3 miles outside the boundaries of incorporated cities or towns. The processes for forming a district, appointing the initial district board of directors, and electing subsequent board members are specified. District powers and duties are listed. Districts are authorized to levy an excise tax of up to 5% on business activity and to enter into contracts for public infrastructure projects. Retroactive to January 1, 2009.	First sponsor: Rep. Konopnicki	2/24 withdrawn from House ways-means .
H2217: LOBBYISTS; GIFT BAN	Lobbyist gift ban laws are re-written, deleting language prohibiting gifts of more than \$10. Various exceptions are provided, including an education event (defined), non-recreational travel (defined), a special function, food and beverage not exceeding \$25, and services rendered on matters pertaining to holding or being a candidate for public office. The secretary of state must biennially adjust the per-meal limit on food and beverage according to the percentage change in the consumer price index for the preceding two years.	First sponsor: Rep. Ableser	1/20 referred to House gov , jud .
H2231: BALD EAGLE; ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT	Establishes regulations for endangered and threatened species, under the direction of the Game and Fish Department and Commission. Provisions include a process of investigations and research for the Commission to develop a list of native wildlife species that are threatened or endangered, prohibited acts relating to those species and penalties for violations, the development of recovery plans and management programs, and enforcement authority for game rangers, wildlife managers and other peace officers. The Arizona bald eagle is required to remain listed as an endangered species through 2016.	First sponsor: Rep. Ableser	1/20 referred to House nat res-rural , appro .
H2232: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SPECIAL PLATES	The list of special vehicle license plates is expanded to include a "wildlife conservation" plate, provided that by December 31, 2009, \$32,000 is paid to the Department of Transportation for start-up costs. Of the \$25 annual license fee, \$8 is deposited into the State Highway Fund, and the remaining \$17 is donated to the newly created Wildlife Conservation Special Plate Fund, for which funds are allocated for habitat improvement or restoration and wildlife conservation related programs.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	3/3 from House rules okay.
H2240: RULE-MAKING; STATE AGENCIES; MORATORIUM	State agencies are prohibited from conducting rule-making that would impose increased monetary or regulatory costs on other state agencies, political subdivisions, persons, or individuals. Exemptions for rule-making done to avoid a violation of a federal law or court order that could result in sanctions or to prevent an imminent threat to public health or safety. Self-repeals July 1, 2011. Emergency clause.	First sponsor: Rep. Tobin	3/11 passed House 36-20 (lost emergency clause) ; ready for Senate.
H2250: PUBLIC TRUSTS LANDS; USE PERMIT	The State Land Department may grant a permit for a political subdivision to use public trust lands along the Colorado River if the use will be consistent with the public trust.	First sponsor: Rep. McLain	2/10 from House nat res-rural with amend #4025 .
H2253: PUBLICATION OF NOTICES; WEBSITES	Legal notices required to be published by government entities may be published on the official website of the entity instead of, as formerly, in a newspaper printed within the boundaries of the entity.	First sponsor: Rep. Jones	3/10 from House rules okay.
H2264: AGENCIES; FUND SOURCES; EXPENDITURES; REPORT	The Governor's Office and every state agency and budget unit must submit a monthly report to the JLBC that details all sources of monies, the purposes for which the money will be expended and the caseloads for each population for which the monies are intended to provide services. Instead of a monthly report, budget units may satisfy this requirement by posting the information daily on its official website.	First sponsor: Rep. Crump	1/28 from House gov do pass.

H2275: TECH CORRECTION; GAME & FISH	Minor change in Title 17 (game & fish) pertaining to prison inmates being used to construct, maintain or operate facilities for game and fish. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Rep. Jones	2/17 from House nat res-rural with amend #4052 .
H2279: STATE DEBT; EXPENDITURES; REPORT	The list of duties of the JLBC is expanded to include an analysis of state debt, terms of financing, the impact of the debt on taxes and expenditures, the appropriate revenue streams dedicated for repayment and the total amount of state debt. The Department of Revenue must provide directly to the JLBC that portion of the Dec. 15 annual report to the Governor and Legislature on outstanding indebtedness and debt limitations that pertain to the state's debt and expenditures.	First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh	3/11 from House appro with amend #4178 .
H2282: EQUINE TRIPPING; VIOLATION	Knowingly or intentionally tripping an equine for entertainment or sport is a class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by at least 48 consecutive hours in jail and a fine of at least \$1000 for a first offense, 30 consecutive days in jail and a fine of at least \$2000 for a second offense, and 90 consecutive days in jail and a fine of at least \$2000 for a third or subsequent offense.	First sponsor: Rep. Sinema	2/19 from House jud do pass.
H2289: CLAIM OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY	Arizona, on behalf of itself and its political subdivisions, asserts and claims rights-of-way across public lands acquired from the effective date of applicable federal law through October 21, 1976, and does not recognize or consent to the exchange, waiver or abandonment of any of these rights-of-way unless by formal, written official action recorded by the county recorder.	First sponsor: Rep. Jones	1/20 referred to House nat res-rural .
H2328: PUBLIC RECORDS; NAME REDACTION	Public officers may remove the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the sending party of an email that is disclosed as a public record.	First sponsor: Rep. Boone	1/20 referred to House gov .
H2350: WILDFIRE PROTECTION; FUEL; PRIVATE PROPERTY	County boards of supervisors are required instead of allowed to adopt a current wildland-urban interface code, and must compel owners or lessees of property located in unincorporated areas to establish and maintain defensible space (defined) around the property pursuant to the code.	First sponsor: Rep. Mason	1/20 referred to House nat res-rural , gov .
H2369: TECH CORRECTION; REVENUE DEPARTMENT	Minor change in title 42 (taxation) pertaining to the Department of Revenue. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Rep. Murphy	3/11 from House appro with amend #4179 .
H2380: PERSONAL INFO; INTERNET; ELIGIBLE PERSONS	A person eligible to request that their personal information not be made available on the Internet must make a written demand to the person who is posting that information to not communicate it. It is unlawful to continue to do so. The written demand, which must contain prescribed information, is effective for four years.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	2/18 from House mil-pub with amend #4066 .
H2401: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	An Administrative Rules Oversight Committee is established, consisting of 5 members of the House of Representatives, 5 Senators, and the Governor or designee, and given oversight over any rules except those specifically exempted from the Administrative Procedures Act by statute.	First sponsor: Rep. Williams	3/11 passed House 39-16 ; ready for Senate.
H2467: WESTERN CLIMATE INITIATIVE; PROHIBITION	The Dept of Environmental Quality is forbidden from participating in the Western Climate Initiative that is operated by the Western States Governors Association.	First sponsor: Rep. Biggs	3/10 from House rules okay. Stricken from House consent calendar by Chad Campbell.
H2539: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES; MINORS; RESTRICTIONS	Persons under 18 are prohibited from operating off-road or all-terrain vehicles between midnight and 5 a.m. At other times the person must have a valid driver license or be accompanied by a person 18 or older who does hold a valid driver license. Exemptions for hunting, ranching, farming or competitive events.	First sponsor: Rep. McGuire	2/12 referred to House trans-inf .
H2550: POSSESSING DANGEROUS WILDLIFE; PROHIBITED	With certain exceptions, a person is prohibited from possessing, harboring or importing dangerous wildlife (identified in this bill as a members of one of 58 named species). A legislative intent section states the purpose of this act is to protect the safety and health of the wildlife population of the state from wildlife being held as pets.	First sponsor: Rep. Chad Campbell	2/19 referred to House nat res-rural , com .

H2576: PROCUREMENT SERVICES; OUTSOURCING PROHIBITED	The state may not award a contract or provide any "development assistance" (defined to include tax credits and the like) to a vendor, contractor or subcontractor or to an applicant for development assistance who performs the work at a site outside of the U.S. All bids and applications for assistance must include a certification that the work will be done in the U.S.	First sponsor: Rep. Fleming	2/17 referred to House gov, com.
HCM2006: STATE LAND; NATURAL RESOURCES	The Legislature urges Congress to refrain from passing new legislation that would withdraw any Arizona land under federal control from mining and to refrain from imposing any new wilderness designations on federal land without the unanimous support of Arizona's congressional delegation. Further, it urges the U.S. Forest Service to not limit the public's right to mine, graze, or recreate on federal land.	First sponsor: Rep. Jones	3/10 from House rules okay.
HCR2003: LEGISLATURE; DESIGNATED SEAT	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to designate two separate seats in the House of Representatives for each legislative district. Candidates would be required to file to run for either seat A or seat B.	First sponsor: Rep. Crump	
HCR2028: VOTER-PROTECTED FUNDING; TEMPORARY DEFICIT SUSPENSION	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend Article IV, Part 1, Section 1, of the state Constitution to permit the Legislature, if a budget deficit exists and with approval of the Governor, to divert and appropriate funds created or allocated by initiative or referendum.	First sponsor: Rep. Biggs	
HCR2029: FUNDING BALLOT MEASURES; REAUTHORIZATION	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend Article IV, Part 1, of the state Constitution to limit the effective period for an approved initiative that authorizes or requires expenditure of state monies to eight years. The measure must be resubmitted to the electorate at the end of the eight year period. Retroactive to cover all previous initiatives or referenda that expend state funds, all of which must be re-referred to the electorate at the immediate next general election.	First sponsor: Rep. Stevens	
HCR2030: INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM; VOTER APPROVAL	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend various parts of the state Constitution to require a 2/3 majority for passage of any initiative or referendum that imposes a new tax, increases tax rates, reduces a tax deduction, increases a statutorily prescribed fee, imposes a new fee or eliminates an exemption from a statutorily prescribed fee. Also, school budget overrides must be approved by a 2/3 majority.	First sponsor: Rep. Stevens	3/3 from House nat res-rural with amend #4122 .
HCR2033: INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM REFORM	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend various parts of the state Constitution to require that a measure referred by the Legislature to the ballot must receive a 2/3 majority in each chamber. Also the number of signatures required for an initiative that proposes a constitutional amendment is reduced to 10% (from 15%) of the number of total votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election.	First sponsor: Rep. Sinema	
S1001: GOVERNMENT ENTITIES; WEB & VIDEO CONFERENCING	Requires the purchase, training and usage of on-line Web and video conference software by statewide governmental agencies, municipalities, counties, school districts, state universities and community college districts. Software functionality must include capability to calculate cost savings from using Web and video conferencing software. Establishes a Web and Video Conferencing Savings Committee consisting of three members from both the House of Representatives and Senate, and five members appointed by the governor to collect and compile the reported cost savings of each government entity. Self-repeals on January 1, 2014. [Note: session law only; does not change statutes.]	First sponsor: Sen. Waring	
S1021: INCOME TAX; TAX REFUND CHECK-OFF BOXES	For tax years beginning Jan 1, 2010, the requirement that all voluntary tax refund check-off boxes (e.g., for contributions to the domestic violence shelter fund, the clean elections fund, the child abuse prevention fund, etc.) must appear on the first page of the state's income tax form is deleted. Because of the change to the voter-approved Clean Elections law, this bill requires a 3/4 majority in each chamber for passage (Prop 105: Voter Protection Act).	First sponsor: Sen. Waring	
S1038: TECH	Minor change in Title 35 (Public Finance), relating to	First	

CORRECTION; AGENCY ACCOUNTS	payment of state agency accounts. Apparent striker bus.	sponsor: Sen. Pearce	
S1099: UNIFORM STATE LAWS COMMISSION	A three-member Commission on Uniform State Laws is created to investigate and recommend the adoption of laws similar or identical to legislation in other states. Members are appointed by the governor; at least one meeting per year is required. Sunsets on July 1, 2019.	First sponsor: Sen. C. Allen	
S1115: ANIMALS; FIGHTING	The crime of dog fighting is renamed animal fighting and is expanded to include any fight in which animals are intended to injure each other. Animal fighting, like dog fighting, is a class 5 (second lowest) felony. Similarly, the class 6 felony of stealing a dog for the purpose of dog fighting is expanded to stealing an animal for fighting. Exemption is provided for animals trained to protect livestock from predators.	First sponsor: Sen. Paton	
S1142: PUBLIC EXPENDITURE TRANSPARENCY DATABASE	Counties and municipalities must establish and maintain a searchable database on their individual websites that contain comprehensive information on revenue and expenditures by the entity. Effective either on Jan. 1, 2010 or Jan. 1, 2011 depending on the population of the entity. The effective date for the state to implement a similar online database is advanced one year to Jan. 1, 2010.	First sponsor: Sen. Paton	
S1151: CONVENIENCE FEE; DEFINITION	A convenience fee (previously limited to transactions conducted over an Internet portal operated by the state) may be charged on transactions on a voice response portal as well.	First sponsor: Sen. Tibshraeny	
S1155: TECH CORRECTION; TRUST LANDS; CONSERVATION	Minor change in Title 37 (public lands) pertaining to trust lands suitable for conservation. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Sen. Pierce	
S1168: FEDERAL MONIES; REPORT	The Governor's Office and each state agency must annually submit to the JLBC a detailed report on federal monies received and any state matching requirements for receipt or expenditure of these monies. Agencies are further required to submit caseload information on each population to be served by the federal money as well as a five-year summary of historical caseload information on each population.	First sponsor: Sen. Pearce	
S1171: STATE AGENCY RULE MAKING; MORATORIUM	With some exceptions, the state may not impose a new rule that would impose an increased monetary or regulatory cost on businesses, other state agencies, political subdivisions or individuals. Self-repeals on July 1, 2010.	First sponsor: Sen. Pearce	
S1179: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE FRANCHISES	Sellers of "off-highway vehicles" (defined in this bill) must be licensed and regulated.	First sponsor: Sen. Nelson	
S1208: LOBBYISTS; PROHIBITED ACTS	A registered lobbyist shall not provide to any public official information that the lobbyist knows to be false. Violation is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor and is subject to a civil penalty. Additional punishment for conviction is being barred from acting as a lobbyist for three years.	First sponsor: Sen. McCune Davis	
S1226: TECH CORRECTION; STOCKPOND REGISTRATION	Minor change in Title 45 (waters) pertaining to stockpond registration. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Sen. Pierce	
S1260: AGGREGATE MINE RECLAMATION LAW; EXEMPTION	Conditions are set forth under which an aggregate mining unit is exempt from regulatory and reclamation provisions otherwise required. Emergency clause.	First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen	
S1279: EQUINE TRIPPING	It is illegal to knowingly or intentionally trip a equine (horse, mule, etc). Violation is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of \$1,000 for a first offense and \$2,000 for a subsequent offense.	First sponsor: Sen. Paton	
S1287: APPROPRIATIONS; NOTICE REQUIREMENTS	The Legislature cannot consider either in committee or on the floor any appropriations or revenue measure unless it has been publicly available for at least 72 hours. Nor can the Legislature consider an amendment to an appropriations or revenue measure unless it has been publicly available for at least 24 hours. The requirement may be waived upon a 2/3 majority vote of the committee or chamber.	First sponsor: Sen. Gorman	

S1295: GAME & FISH COMMISSION; BISON	The authority granted to the Game and Fish Commission to purchase, sell or donate buffalo meat is changed to bison meat. The restriction against donating the meat to anything other than a charity or public institution is retained.	First sponsor: Sen. Nelson		
S1304: PUBLIC RECORDS; FEES	Unless a higher fee is specifically authorized in statute, a public body may not charge a fee for copies of public records that exceeds the cost of equipment, maintenance, and personnel time associated with reproducing the record. It may not include personnel costs associated with retrieving or redacting the document. Further, unless specifically permitted by statute, there shall be no cost to the public for inspecting a public record.	First sponsor: Sen. Tibshraeny		
S1305: PUBLIC RECORDS; ELECTRONIC FORMAT; FEES	Unless a higher fee is specifically authorized in statute, a public body may not charge a fee for copies of public records that exceeds the cost of equipment, maintenance, and personnel time associated with reproducing the record. It may not include personnel costs associated with retrieving or redacting the document. Further, unless specifically permitted by statute, there shall be no cost to the public for inspecting a public record. Additional requirements are imposed on custodians of public records kept in digital format when asked for access to or copies of public records. Because of a potential increase in state revenue from fees imposed for digital copies of public records in state custody, this bill requires a 2/3 majority in each chamber for passage (per Prop 108).	First sponsor: Sen. Tibshraeny		
S1318: GEOSPATIAL DATA; GEOGRAPHIC INFO COUNCIL	The Arizona Geographic Information Council is given statutory authority. [Capitol Reports note: the council was originally formed by executive order.] Various definitions in statutes dealing with public lands are changed to replace incorporate terms such as "geospatial data and "geographic information systems."	First sponsor: Sen. Nelson		
S1345: ASRS; AMENDMENTS	Various changes to statutes governing the Arizona State Retirement System, including changing the way the average monthly compensation is calculated for members hired after July 1, 2010 to be the highest 60 months of the past 120 months. [Capitol Reports note: for members hired before July 1, 2010, the average compensation is based on the highest 36 months of the past 120 months.] Also for members hired after July 1, 2010, the number of points required for normal retirement is increased to 85 from 80. [Capitol Reports note: "points" refer to the sum of a member's age and years of credited service.] Much more.	First sponsor: Sen. Gould		
S1348: MISLEADING PUBLIC OFFICIALS; VIOLATION	It is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor for a person to provide false information to a public official if the person has reason to know the information is false. It is also illegal to withhold information from a public official with the intent to prejudice a decision by the official or a public body. A lobbyist convicted of a violation of this law is prohibited from acting as a lobbyist for three years. A public employee convicted of a violation of this law is subject to termination.	First sponsor: Sen. Gould		
S1356: VENTURE TRUCKS; REGULATION	Regulations are implemented for "venture trucks" defined as vehicles used primarily for cargo that has at least 4 wheels, an unladen weight not more than 1,800 pounds, a wheel base not exceeding 6'3" and a top speed of 25 mph. They are exempt from registration and insurance requirements.	First sponsor: Sen. Gould		
S1372: MERCHANDISING BUSINESSES FOR THE BLIND	Merchandising businesses operated as part of a public-private partnership agreement or as a rest stop improvement are added to the list of businesses exempt from mandatory preference to businesses operated by the blind.	First sponsor: Sen. Gorman		
S1444: APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL MONIES	The Legislature retains the authority to appropriate "noncustodial federal monies" (defined). For unanticipated federal monies that may become available when the Legislature is not in session, the Legislature may make a lump sum appropriation. If the Legislature does not make an appropriation, the budget unit with lawful authority will administer and spend the monies according to federal and state law.	First sponsor: Sen. Melvin		
S1453: OUTSOURCING;	State agencies, boards, commissions, and departments	First		

STATE SERVICES POSITIONS; PROHIBITION	are prohibited from entering into any agreement or performing any act that results in a state service position being directly or indirectly established or transferred outside of the U.S.	sponsor: Sen. Hale		
S1458: PROCUREMENT; CONSTRUCTION; SPECIALIZED SERVICES	Various changes in procurement procedures for state construction contracts, including a requirement that a contractor for rail systems must perform at least 30% of the work with its own personnel. The term used to describe a construction contract in which one party both designs and builds a project is changed to "two-step design-build" from "design-build." A "one-step design-build" contract is also added to define those contracts in which the contracting agency may let separate contracts for pre-construction (including design) services and construction services. The definition of "construction-manager-at-risk" contracts is changed to permit one-step design-build contracts. The state agency is also authorized to award in a single procurement process multiple contracts to different entities for the same project, based on demonstrated competence and experience. Procedures for bid evaluation are prescribed. More.	First sponsor: Sen. Huppenthal		
S1461: STATE AGENCY BUDGETS; REVIEW	The Legislature requests that the governor direct the Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting to review each agency's budget to find efficiencies that may yield "significant cost savings." An interim report is due by Jan. 11, 2010; a final report is due by Dec. 1, 2010. Session law only; does not change statute.	First sponsor: Sen. Gorman		
S1466: COUNCIL ON EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT	A seven-member Council on Efficient Government is established to review the level of service provided by government agencies and to determine whether efficiencies could be attained or the service could be improved through privatization. By June 30, 2010, the council shall prepare and maintain a classified inventory of state agency activities as to whether they are inherently governmental activities or whether they could be privatized (in whole or in part). Also includes procedures by which to review and analyze a business case for privatization.	First sponsor: Sen. Gorman		
SCR1006: STATE APPROPRIATION LIMIT; REDUCTION	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend Article IX, Section 17, of the state Constitution to reduce the maximum amount that the Legislature may appropriate in any fiscal year to 6.4% of the total personal income of the state from 7%. Effective for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011. State revenue in excess of appropriations in any fiscal year must be paid as a refund to individuals who filed tax returns for that year. Also gives any resident of this state legal standing to bring a civil action in superior court to enforce compliance.	First sponsor: Sen. Pearce		
SCR1009: VOTER-PROTECTION; TEMPORARY BUDGETARY SUSPENSION	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the Article IV, Part 1, Section 1, of the state Constitution to require suspension of the protection afforded to appropriations stipulated by voter approved initiatives if doing so avoids a budget deficit.	First sponsor: Sen. Pearce		

LEGEND

- Commission Direction – The Game and Fish Commission has given direction to the Department on these bills OR the department would like to address the commission about these bills.
- Oppose – The Game and Fish Commission has voted to oppose these bills.
- Support – The Game and Fish Commission has voted to support these bills.

AMEND C&P Constitutional and Proper as Amended by the House Rules Committee

APPROP Appropriations Committee

AGFD Arizona Game and Fish Department

C&P Constitutional and Proper

COW Committee of the Whole

DP Do Pass

DPA Do Pass as Amended

GF General Fund

GOV Government Committee

GR Government and Retirement Committee

H House Bill

HCR House Concurrent Resolution

HHR House Hearing Room

Hse. House of Representatives

JUD Judiciary Committee

PFC Proper for Consideration

PFCA Proper for Consideration as Amended by the Senate Rules Committee

S Senate Bill

S/E Strike Everything Amendment

Sen. Senate

SHR Senate Hearing Room

WM Ways and Means Committee

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